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SINCE EARLY MAY BEEN MAKING REFERENCE TO A PRIVATE LETTER.

CRITICAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES: WHICH THE CHILEAN BISHOPS

SENT TO PRESIDENT AUGUSTO P I N O C H E T FOLLOWING THEIR

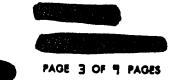
CONFERENCE IN PUNTA DEL TALCA IN APRIL: SEE SANTIAGO EMBASSY

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POLICY. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE THE INTERNAL SUBVERSIVE SITUATION. WHICH EARLIER JUSTIFIED HARSH REPRESSIVE MEASURES. HAD BEEN OVERCUME, BUT THE GOVERNMENT WAS STILL ENGAGING IN SUCH METHODS. THEY SAID THAT THEY WERE PLEASED THAT ALL SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT WERE CHRISTIANS, BUT THEY OBSERVED NO EXERCISE OF CHRISTIAN SPIRIT. FURTHERMORE, THEY SAW NO TRUE RECONCILATION OCCURRING IN CHILE.

CONCERN OVER ASPECTS

OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICY, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING

THAT THE GOVERNMENT SEEMED TO BE MORE CONCERNED WITH GIVING

REASSURANCES AND GUARANTEES TO THE EMPLOYERS THAN TO THE

HORKERS. THEY MAINTAINED THAT THE PRESENT POLICY SEEMS

TO BE POLARIZING THE COUNTRY.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALIENATING

ITSELF

BY CERTAIN UNSOUND EDUCATIONAL

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6. PRESIDENT PINOCHET OHIGINALLY INTENDED TO REPLY IN
HRITING HE CHANGED HIS MIND.
HOWEVER, AND DECIDED TO HOST A DINNER JUNE SO THAT
HE COULD SPEAK PERSONALLY WITH
CONSIDERS TO BE MOST PRO-GOVERNMENT.

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INVITED TO DINNER IN MID-JUNE TO DISCUSS THE HUMAN HIGHTS ISSUE. THE MOST PROMINENT IN ATTENDANCE WAS

JUNTA GOVERNMENT. IN LATE APRIL.

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HE ADDED SEVERAL IMPORTANT CRITICISMS (NOT

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DESCRIBED AS A CRITIC OF THE

GOVERNMENT, SAID THAT WHILE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES AMONG

OVER THE APPROACH TO TAKE WITH THE GOVERNMENT, THERE

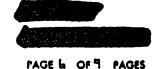
IS ALSO A CONVICTION THAT

ON MATTERS TO WHICH IT IS OPPOSED.)

BEEN ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA). HE MAINTAINED, HOMEVER, THAT ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO ELIMINATE SUCH ACTIVITY AND THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY INVESTIGATED THO RECENT CHARGES OF PRISONERS BEING TORTURED AND HAS CONVINCED THAT DINA HAS NOT GUILTY OF THE CRIMES CHARGED. REFERRING TO THE CASE OF SERGIO A M O R A. A MEMBER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) WHO HAS ALLEGEDLY TORTURED BY DINA AND ESCAPED. TAKING REFUGE IN THE OFFICES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PEACE. PINOCHET TO THE THUJGHT IT HAS PARTICULARLY STRANGE THAT THE COMMITTEE REFUSED TO ALLOW HIS OWN PERSONAL PHYSICIAN TO EXAMINE THE MAN, SINCE TO DO SO WOULD HAVE BEEN THE

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MOST CONCRETE WAY TO PROVE THE TORTURE CHARGES AGAINST DINA.

18. WITH REGARD TO THE PEACE COMMITTEE'S CHARGES THAT GUILLERMO HERRER A. A MILITAN' OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR). HAD DIED OF INTERNAL INJURIES AS A RESULT OF TORTURE BY DINA. PINOCHET SAID THAT THESE CHARGES WERE NOT BORNE OUT BY THE OFFICIAL AUTOPSY PRESENTED TO THE CRIMINAL COURT BY THE LEGAL MEDICAL INSTITUTE.

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THE AUTOPSY REPORT STATED THAT HERRERA DIED OF A SLIT THROAT, APPARENTLY DUE TO SUICIDE. di Callander



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THE INCIDENT.) PINOCHET COMMENTED TO THAT HE COULD NOT IMAGINE THAT DINA HOULD BE SO STUPID AS TO TAKE A MAN TO THE HOME OF HIS PARENTS TO TORTURE AND KILL HIM.

A. THE ZAMORA AND HERRERA CASES WERE PUBLICIZED

IN THE 16 JUNE ISSUE OF "TIME" MAGAZINE AS EXAMPLES OF DINA
ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WHILE DINA IS MUCH TO BLAME FOR
ITS PRESENT IMAGE AND DIFFICULTIES IN PLEADING INNOCENT.
RECENT INFORMATION IS SHEDDING DOUBT ON THE MOTIVES.

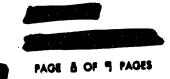
ACTIVITIES AND CREDIBILITY OF THE PEACE COMMITTEE.

RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESSURING OR SCARING PEOPLE INTO SEEKING ASYLUM. AN EXAMPLE GIVEN IS THAT OF JUAN RAMON N U N E 2.

A MEMBER OF THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION MOVEMENT (MAPU).

WHO SIGNED A NOTARIZED STATEMENT IN MID-1974 TO THE EFFECTTHAT HE HAD GONE TO THE COMMITTEE TO SEEK HELP IN GETTING
A JOB, BUT THAT THE TWO PRIESTS WITH WHOM HE SPOKE, FATHERS
JUAN SEBASTIAN B A C H AND FERNANDO S A L A S. CONVINCED
HIM THAT AS A MAPU MEMBER HE COULD NEVER GET A JOB AND

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THEY WOULD THEREFORE HELP HIM GET INTO AN EMBASSY. HE TOOK
ASYLUM BUT BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE CHILE. HE
ESCAPED FROM THE EMBASSY AND. AS OF THE TIME OF HIS STATEMENT.
WAS WORKING WITHOUT PROBLEMS.

B. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE AND ONE OF

ITS MOST PROMINENT MEMBERS. LUTHERAN BISHOP HELMUT FRENZ.

HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT CAUSE OF THE RECENT SCHISM IN THE

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHILE, AND THE PRESS REPORTED THAT

THE LUTHERANS WERE PULLING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE.



C. IN MID-JUNE, A HIGH LEVEL PRELATE CONFIRMED

TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD COMMITTED

MEXCESSES SUCH AS ENCOURAGING CHILEANS TO TAKE ASYLUM.

HE OPINED THAT SOME OF THE COMMITTEE'S PRIESTS ARE SO

COMMITTED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE THAT THEIR JUDGEMENT

MAY BE HARPED. HE SAID THERE IS A PREDISPOSITION TO ACCEPT

AS TRUTH ANY STORY ABOUT TORTURE OR DETENTION. AND THAT

THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN TRICKED BY FALSE INFORMERS.

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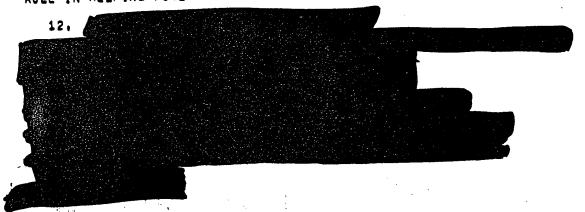
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REPORTED THAT THE HEAD

OF THE PEACE COMMITTEE'S JURIDICAL DEPARTMENT, WHICH CGORDINATES ACTIVITIES WITH THE VARIOUS OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES, IS A MEMBER OF THE MAPU AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (FCCH). THIS REPORT ALSO CITED PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT COMPLAINTS ON THE COMMITTEE'S ROLE IN HELPING ASYLEES.)

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